(c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan adopts both English and Hindi as medium of instructions in its schools. Students desirous to study with English as medium of instruction are being imparted education in English.

Day-care centres in Uttaranchal

†1069. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Palna-Ghar run by various organizations in Uttaranchal and out of them, how many day-care centres are being run by "Bhartiya Aadim Jati Sewak Sangh";

(b) whether some of the day-care centres have been closed down recently; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps Government are going to take to open more day-care centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) In Uttaranchal 318 creches are being run by various organizations. Out of which 59 creches are being run by Bhartiya Aadim Jati Sevak Sangh.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Participation of private sector in education

†1070. SHRIMATI SAVrTA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider participation of the private sector in the field of education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI): (a) to (c) The National Policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992, envisages that "non-Government and voluntary effort including social activist groups will be encouraged, subject to proper management, and financial assistance provided. At the same time, steps will be taken to prevent the establishment of institutions set up to commercialise education."

As part of Government's policy of promoting mobilisation of maximum possible resources from the community for improvement of elementary education, in addition to the resources committed by the Government itself, guidelines for "Programme of Mobilising Local Support to Primary Schools (PLUS)" have been formulated and sent to the State Governments in February, 2004. As per para 3 of these guidelines, States have been advised to mobilise support for Government elementary schools from, among others, Industrial establishments, Public Sector Undertakings, Banks and Financial Institutions and Associations of Trade and Industry, also.

There is private investment in all sectors of education and the share of such investment is progressively more starting from primary to higher and technical education. A Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education has been set up on the subject of "Financing of Higher and Technical Education". The Committee will, among other things, suggest the ways of encouraging and regulating private participation and investments in Higher/Technical Education.

Bharat Shiksha Kosh has been constituted as a Registered Society, to receive donations/contributions/ endowments from individuals and corporate, Central and State Governments, non-resident Indians, and people of Indian origin abroad for various activities across all sectors of education.

Admission of small kids

1071. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports in the media that 1,000 kid lose school slot in Kendriya Vidyalayas due to clerical error;

(b) if so, details thereof;